

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

Rule 270

(Amended by the Board of Governors June 10, 2000, effective July 1, 2000)

RUIE 270. PUBIIC AND PRIVATE REPROVALS.

(a) A reproof shall be set forth in the Court's decision or order approving stipulation, and shall be effective when the decision or order is final. The decision or order shall specify whether the reproof is public or private.

(b) A public reproof imposed on a respondent is publicly available as part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records and is disclosed in response to public inquiries. The record of the proceeding in which the public reproof was imposed remains public.

(c) A private reproof imposed on a respondent **after the initiation of a State Bar Court proceeding** is part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records, ~~and is disclosed in response to public inquiries unless the private reproof was imposed as the result of a stipulation approved by the Court prior to the initiation of a State Bar Court proceedings~~ **and is reported as a record of public discipline on the State Bar's web page**. The complainant shall be advised of the imposition of any private reproof.

(d) If a private reproof was imposed as the result of a stipulation approved by the Court prior to the initiation of a State Bar Court proceeding, then the private reproof is part of the respondent's official State Bar membership records but is not disclosed in response to public inquiries **and is not reported on the State Bar's web page**. The record of the proceeding in which such a private reproof was imposed is not available to the public except as part of the record of any subsequent proceeding in which it is introduced as evidence of a prior record of discipline under these rules.